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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEWPORT MAN SENTENCED IN GUN THEFT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Newport Police Chief David Hoyt, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent Kraig Hankins announced that Matthew Six, age 32, formerly of 16 Pleasant Street in Newport, New Hampshire was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the theft of several firearms.

During a hearing before U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe, Six was sentenced to a term of thirty- three months in prison and three years probation. Six had previously admitted guilt to a three-count information charging him with burglary of some federally licensed firearms dealer, possession of stolen firearms and possession of a machine gun.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "New Hampshire is fortunate to have experienced local and federal law enforcement agents who are dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of serious firearms' offenses, thereby insuring the safety of our neighborhoods."

The prosecution against Six, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Newport Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.